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PROFILE:

I am an Economist with specialization in International Trade Policy and a Researcher by profession with interest specifically in regional integration and development; market access issues; and global regulations and agricultural trade. I have excellent writing and statistical analysis skills which I have acquired and developed through work on a number of projects including work with the Caribbean Community Secretariat and the Development Policy and Management Consultants (DPMC) on projects sponsored by agencies such as the USAID. My academic and practical training have also allowed me to develop competence in the use of English as well as reading of Spanish and French. I am a self-motivated, astute and diligent worker and therefore have the capacity to work individually or in a team with minimal guidance.

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND:

- 2008** **Certificate of Participation in Participatory Natural Resources Management:**
IWOKRAMA- International Centre for Rain Forest Conservation and Development
- 2006-2008** **MSc. International Trade Policy:** (*Pass with Distinction*) University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus, Barbados.
- 2002-2006** **BSc. Economics:** (*Pass with Credit*) University Of Guyana, Turkeyen Campus, Greater Georgetown, Guyana.
- 2005** **Diploma in Spanish:** (Intermediate 1) Venezuelan Institute for Cultural Cooperation, New Garden Street, Queenstown, Georgetown.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

2008-Present:

- ✚ **September 2008- present: RESEARCHER 1/ LECTURER** Institute of Development Studies, University of Guyana

Conduct research on issues of importance to Guyana and the wider Caribbean Region; Provide undergraduate lectures for the economics department of the faculty of social sciences on Agriculture Economics and International Trade Theory; also provide lectures on theories of economic development in the graduate school of studies.

- ✚ **October 2008- Present: RESEARCH ASSISTANT** to the Project Coordinator on the Project for the Institutional Strengthening of the Guyana Office for Investment (GOINVEST), **Development Policy and Management Consultants (DPMC).**

Provide assistance to the Project Coordinator on the restructuring and strengthening of the Guyana Office for Investment in line with its expanded mandate; the review of the operation of the Guyana Office for Investment; and the

development of a four year work plan to strengthen the institution's business facilitation and export promotion functions. Specific duties entail review of documents on the operation of the institution and other diagnostic studies and production of matrices on various issues addressed by these studies; and conduct of employee interviews to assess employee satisfaction with implementation of the recommendations of the studies.

✚ **July 2008: RESEARCH ASSISTANT** to the institutional specialist- Project for the Development of a National Agriculture Sector Adaptation Strategy to Address the Impacts of Climate Change. **Development Policy and Management Consultants (DPMC)**

1. Provided assistance to the institutional specialist in the conduct of interviews with key heads of institutions in the agriculture and related sectors
2. Provided assistance in the compilation of various statistics on institutions within the agriculture sector.
3. Also provided assistance in the writing and formatting of the final report.

✚ **2008 (May- June): ASSISTANT TO THE COORDINATOR, REGIONAL AGRICULTURE INVESTMENT FORUM Caribbean Community Secretariat (CARICOM)**

Provided administrative and secretarial support to the Coordinator for the Regional Agriculture Investment Forum, which was hosted on the 6-7 June, 2008. The objective of the Forum was to provide investors with information on the changing regional and global agriculture industry market and the potential opportunities for business creation in the Caribbean Region. It also sought to provide a space for investors and financial services providers and other stakeholders to dialogue and network on investment proposals. Specific duties entailed:

1. Communicated with invitees to confirm attendance and provide guidance on accessing information,
2. Collaborated with the Administration department of the secretariat for the preparation of banners, badges and folder
3. Collaborated with the Conference department of the Secretariat on the formatting of project proposals submitted by investors.
4. Liaised with the advertising department of newspapers in the region for the placement of advertisements on the Forum.
5. Liaised with the Travel Desk at the Secretariat to facilitate travel for the Speakers, Exhibitors and Facilitators
6. Collaborated with the transportation desk at the Secretariat to provide transport services for oversea investors lodged at various hotels in the city.
7. Assisted with filing and completion of the budget for the Forum.

✚ **2008 (March- May): GRADUATE INTERN, Caribbean Community Secretariat (CARICOM)**

The Internship was undertaken at the CARICOM Secretariat, under the directorate of the Advisor for the Regional Transformation Programme for Agriculture of the Agriculture sub-programme, during the period February 4th to May 4th, 2008. While at the organization the following duties were performed:

1. Reviewed and enhanced project profiles submitted to the Agriculture Donor Conference for donor funding consideration, by combining those regional project proposals with overlapping components, into one regional project proposal.
2. Determined the national level activities for the regional project components of regional project profiles.
3. Held consultations with the University of the West Indies regarding the adjusted components of one of the enhanced project profile: "Creating a Competitive Anthurium Industry".
4. Provided assistance in the preparation of a project proposal for a feasibility study on the Anthurium industry, to seek funding under the Perez- Guerrero Trust Fund, UNDP.

2007

✚ **2007 (October- November): STATISTICAL ASSISTANT/ DATA ENTRY OFFICER, Development Policy and Management Consultants (DPMC)**

Entry of questionnaires and generation and analysis of preliminary statistics for **‘Social impact assessment on Guyana’s National Sugar Action Plan - Socio-economic baseline survey’**.

✚ 2007 (June-November): TRADE INTERN/STUDY ATTACHMENT Caribbean Community Secretariat (CARICOM)

A partial requirement for completion of the Masters in International Trade Policy programme is a five (5) month attachment at a government or private trade organization. This attachment was undertaken at the CARICOM Secretariat during the period June 4th to November 7th, 2007. While at the organization the following duties were performed:

1. Provided research assistance on private standards for the preparation of a presentation on private standards for the WTO IDB/INTAL Regional Workshop on the ‘Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures for the Caribbean’; held in Kingston Jamaica, July 31st to August 2nd, 2007.
2. Prepared project proposal document on “Small Ruminant Development in the CARICOM Region” for the IDB under the Annual ‘Call for Public’ goods programme.
3. Formulated two briefs on “CARICOM Single Market and Economy-Improving the Investment Climate; Economic Competitiveness and Innovation” and “Caribbean Economies and Production Systems,” in preparation for the fourth meeting of the Assembly of Caribbean Community Parliamentarians (ACCP) held in St. Kitts and Nevis (2007).
4. Conducted research on the theoretical linkage between trade and sustainable development/environment and analyzed the policy provisions regarding this linkage under the multilateral regime of the World Trade Organization (WTO).
5. Examined the progress of the Doha Round of negotiations with regards to trade and sustainable development and the position of country groupings on the future of trade and sustainable development in the WTO.

2006

✚ ENUMERATOR, Caribbean Engineering and Management Consultants Inc. (CEMCO)

Administration of questionnaires for the Socio-Economic aspect of the Environmental Impact Assessment of the **‘The Buddy’s International Hotel Project’**.

✚ DATA ENTRY OFFICER, Millennium Consultancy Unit (MCU)

Entry of Questionnaires for the **‘Guyana 2006 Citizen’s Security Programme: Realizing Safe Neighbourhood Survey’**. Research Coordinator – Clement Henry

2005

✚ ENUMERATOR/DATA ENTRY OFFICER

Administration of questionnaires for the Socio-Economic aspect of the Environmental Impact Assessment of the **‘Government of Guyana: Berbice River Bridge Project’**. This project was done with Caribbean Engineering and Management Consultants Inc. (CEMCO).

✚ ENUMERATOR


Facilitated interviews for **‘The Family Connections Across Generations and Nations’ Survey** conducted in Guyana. The main thrust of this project was to ascertain how being a member of a multi-generational family affects an individual’s health and well-being. This project was done with Dr. Leon Wilson, University of Michigan.

✚ REPERTOIRE

Recorded and presented a thorough analysis of the discussions that were held among the main stakeholders at the USAID ‘Fisheries Cluster’ workshop for the **United States Agency for International Development- Guyana Trade and Investment Support (USAID -GTIS)**

TRADE MEETINGS/NEGOTIATIONS

2007

 **World Trade Organization**

Attended a meeting of the 2007 General Council of the WTO (WT/GC/W/577), May 9-10 2007

 **World Trade Organization**

Attended two negotiations on market access for non-agricultural commodities. The negotiations pertained to a negotiating proposal on **'Tariff Elimination in the Gems and Jewellery Sector'** submitted by Hong Kong; China; Japan; the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu; Singapore; Thailand and the United States; and a communication on **'Trade Liberalization in the Raw Materials Sector'** from the United Arab Emirates (UAE) (TN/MA/W/37/Add.4/Rev.1)

 **CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY SECRETARIAT**


Attended the meeting of officials for the twenty- fourth meeting of the **Council for Trade and Economic Development (COTED)**, Georgetown, Guyana, 24 October, 2007

WORKSHOPS

2008

 ***Stakeholder Workshop on National Climate Change Adaptation Strategy for the Agriculture Sector to Address Climate Change, 4 December, 2008- Guyana***

The Ministry of Agriculture/ National Climate Unit convened a stakeholder workshop to allow for stakeholder review of the revised National Adaptation Strategy for the Agriculture Sector to Address Climate Change and other sector assessments that contributed to its development. The workshop comprised representatives from a wide array of institutions within the agriculture and related sectors and featured presentations and working group discussions on the revised strategy and sector assessments.

 ***Internal Discussion on National Climate Change Adaptation Strategy for the Agriculture Sector to Address Climate Change, 7 October, 2008- Guyana***

The Ministry of Agriculture/ National Climate Unit facilitated an intense workshop to review and discuss the draft National Adaptation Strategy for the Agriculture Sector to Address Climate Change, which was developed through support from the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre under the Mainstreaming Adaptation to Climate Change project. The workshop comprised representatives from a wide array of institutions within the agriculture and related sectors.

2007

 ***University of the West Indies/UNCTAD Virtual Institute study tour to Geneva, Switzerland***

Through a joint collaboration between the United Nations Centre for Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the University of the West Indies (Master's in International Trade Policy Secretariat), a three week study tour was held in Geneva, Switzerland. During this study tour, visits were made to several trade institutions including: the World Trade Organization (WTO); UNCTAD; UNCTAD/WTO International Trade Center (ITC); World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and Agency for International Trade Information and Cooperation (AITIC). These institutions facilitated workshop/seminars and round-table discussions on several issues of regional and global importance. The workshops conducted, as well as the institution that facilitated them include:

Workshops/ Seminars/ Round- table discussions	Institution
1. Export of Services	ITC
2. National Export Strategy Design and Management	ITC
3. Use market analysis services (MAS) tools (trade map, investment map and market access map)	ITC

4. Competition law and policy	UNCTAD
5. Foreign Direct Investment through TNC-SME linkages	UNCTAD
6. International investment agreements: trends and development implications	UNCTAD
7. Intellectual property rights in the Caribbean music industry	WIPO
8. Introduction to the dispute settlement body of the WTO	WTO
9. The protection of patents, trademarks, industrial designs and GIs and their role in trade and commerce	WIPO
10. Developing countries and the protection of Intellectual Property Rights- Current issues in the WTO	WIPO
11. Intellectual Property Rights, the TRIPS Agreement and Implications for Developing Countries	
12. Doha Work Programme: The Development Dimension	AITIC
13. Aid for Trade: Keeping up the Momentum	AITIC

AWARDS:

2008	Master's of International Trade Policy Secretariat (University of the West Indies): Best Graduating Student Master's of International Trade Policy Degree Programme
2006-2007	Organization of American States (OAS): Scholarship awarded for pursuit of the Master's of Science Degree in International Trade Policy at the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus, Barbados.

WRITING EXPERIENCE:

Technical

2008	Institutional assessment of the agricultural sector for climate change adaptation for the project: 'the development of a national agriculture sector adaptation strategy to address climate change in Guyana', facilitated by the Ministry Of Agriculture- National Climate Unit for the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre.
2008	Drafted two sector profiles for the Internet Communication Technology and Non-renewable energy sectors for the Institutional Strengthening of the Guyana Office for Investment (GOINVEST) Project.

Academic

2008	"Impact of Sanitary and Phyto- Sanitary Standards on Exports of Non- Traditional Agriculture Products from Guyana to the European Union, Barbados and the USA." – A research thesis submitted in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of Masters of Science in International Trade Policy.
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Professional

2009	"Strategic Response to Food Safety Standards- A Case Study of Guyana's Fish Export Sector" . Paper presented at Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development, University of the West Indies- Mona Campus, Jamaica, July 28-30, 2009.
2009	"Impact of Impact of US HACCP Regulation on Export of Fish And Fishery Products From Guyana (in Progress). Paper to be presented at 7 th Quest for Global Competitiveness Conference. Sheraton Old San Juan Hotel and Casino, San Juan (March 2010)
2009	Challenges to agricultural diversification-Sanitary and phytosanitary standards as barriers to non-traditional agricultural exports from Guyana (in Progress). Paper to be presented at 7 th Quest

for Global Competitiveness Conference. Sheraton Old San Juan Hotel and Casino, San Juan (March 2010)

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS:

- ✚ Computer literate and proficient in Microsoft Word and Excel, SPSS (Statistical Software Package for the Social Sciences) and EViews.
- ✚ Document Formatting (utilizing Microsoft word)

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

- ✚ Assessing the impact of sanitary and phyto-sanitary standards on trade given the emergence of these measures as regulatory barriers to international trade.
- ✚ Nexus between “Trade and Development” particularly with regards to the impact of trade on poverty and the implications for poverty reduction.
- ✚ Issues relating to regional integration and development

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